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THE plain and obvious Design of dispersing this seditious Treatise, call'd *Fair Payment no Spunge*, at this time of Day, apparently demonstrates the venomous deep Schemes and Intentions in their own Imaginations, at least of the base Enemies of our Glorious Sovereign and most happy Country;

and is evidently calculated, as well as moſt undeniably, that very Book Count *Gyllenberg* ſignifies, in his Letters, to have ready againſt the opening the Seſſion, in order to facilitate the Succeſs of the *Swedes* againſt *Great-Britain*, by convulſing and diſ-uniting the People in point of Intereſt, creating infinite Fears and Jealouſies, and putting the Populace into the utmoſt Diſorder and confus'd Hurry, at the critical Juncture, when we daily expect them to land, purely to render us the eaſier Prey, to the Perfidious and Lunatick Invaders.

The Stockfiſh Prince, and all his Adherents, will be extremely miſtaken and diſappointed; and themſelves in a prodigious, fooliſh Error, ſhould they feed themſelves up with frantick Notions that *Britons* are upon a Level with his Cods-head, and more ſo, ſhould any Lunatick, think any Invader, or Invaders, Superior to the bright Genius of the valuable Inhabitants of this Iſland.

Theſe are poor faint Attempts, mere Cobwebs in War and Politicks; the meaneſt and moſt ſlender Capacities will ſoon ſee thro' them, and laugh at their wild Projections; ſure every good Subject will reſent

resent the Treatment. Could these Miscreants think to impose on our Great, Good, and Wise Legislature? Does the Count's Agents, in behalf of the Muidman, his Master, fancy to delude and amuse King GEORGE's valuable Subjects? Do they think, by such mean, silly, tho' wicked Contrivances, to alienate the Hearts of his Majesty's faithful People? Are these the fordid Means to make good the Count's Assertions in his Letters, that nine in ten of my honest Countrymen are Rebels? Vain and childish is the Supposition.

The *Swedish* Rocks, and extreme Poverty of the Soil, together with the Impression, that the *Bender* Expedition has more particularly, made upon the Count's Master, may harden, dull, and stupify their Persons, and Constitutions; but, at the same time, demonstrate a Stupidity and Density of Brain. You will find yourselves much wanting of, and deficient in, understanding Integrity and Finesse with some to the southward of you, more especially the well-judging honest *Britons*, tho', to close this Paragraph, I allow you all to be Knaves as much as Fool will give you Leave.

Wou'd you now convulse the Metropolis of our Kingdom; do you think, by disordering the Head, to destroy the whole Body? Would you try to terrify the Men of Money, so as not to supply the Emergencies of State, when a Design is encouraged by Papists, Jacobites, Juring, and Nonjuring Traytors at Home, supported by Foreign Assistance, to make our blessed Island a Land of Blood and Rapine, and occasion the Murder of many glorious Fellows most faithfully embarkid in the more glorious Cause of God, their King and Country?

Do you tell us the intended Invasion is only in Perspective, like the honest Lawyer, *à la façon de Barbarie*, in the Senate, that struggled hard, and prudently propos'd, that the Nation should continue unarm'd, and unprovided with Troops, Ships, Men and Money, till the Stockish Potentate, after the *Hibernian* Manner, should bring his own Letter, with a Retinue of 16000 veteran Troops, in Answer to one transmitted to him from our Court? And I must beg Leave to tell that *Corinthian* Lawyer, that the Nation had much better be nine Times prepared, and unattack'd,

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than once attack'd, and unprepared; but such wholsome Maxims don't any ways answer his corrupt Purposes.

Do you give the Royal Authority the Lye? Is not the King's sacred Word to be more prevalent, than the loose lying Assertions of an ill-designing Reptile, or Reptiles, publishing industriously, an infamous Libel, without a Name, pretendly for the Publick Good, and at the same time, by that very Act, has nothing so much at heart, as the Subversion of the whole Texture of our Government, and the Destruction of the whole Community of Good People.

Can you be so consummate a Coxcomb as to imagine, that the idle Advertisement at the end of your Libel, by which you signify, your Capacity of finding out ways and means to pay off the National Debts, is taken *pro confesso*? No, quite the reverse; Can you be so stupid as to fancy that you can lead, lull, and distract the Minds of the People? Do you take upon you to arraign the past Proceedings of Parliaments with respect to Loans, &c. in Order to recommend you to this? Is it not a *Corinthian* Insolence, to conclude

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yourself able to influence our Great and Wise Senate to fall in with any Measures destructive of the Peoples Interest they represent? Wou'd you create a Jealousy in the People of the Honour, Justice, Origilancy and Care of the Grand Council in Parliament assembled? Do you assuming infect, and pretend to direct that August Assembly? I remember some Gentlemen of *Kent* for only desiring the then Parliament to turn their Loyal Addresses into Bills of Supplies, were not a little censured, confin'd and embaras'd; which if right, I can't but hope this Parliament will resolve, that corporal Punishment is wholsom and necessary, as a Reward to your Industry. Has not the Mony from time to time, to fill up the several Loans and Lotteries of the State, come from all Parts and Corners of our Kingdom, from Persons of all Ranks and Degrees from the highest to the lowest? Have they not all, in their turns been more or less Contributors to that end? Can you limit and determine the Losses, Disadvantages, Incidents and Accidents that has attended the Subjects, by straining their Credit and draining their Friends and Families to enable them to assist in the past Exigencies of State, in part thereunto moved by

by the Profit propos'd, and wou'd you now cut them off of the promis'd Benefit and Advantages? are not the Grand Representatives in Parliament the ſole and proper eſt Judges of the Manner Times and Seaſons fit to redreſs any Grievance burthenſome to the People? Can you believe to gain any Point there by ſuch poor deſpicable Efforts? God forbid; but all Perſons on all occaſions in theſe Realms, ſhould have impartial Juſtice done them: but pray give leave to ſuch to do it, and ſuch only as are thereto impowered by the Conſtitution of the Kingdom, from which no honeſt Man can ſwerve. There is an immenſe difference, an infinite Sum due to ballance between the barren beggarly Rocks of *Sweden*, and the fertile fruitful Valleys, noble Pallaces, &c. and the univerſal, ſuperfluous, delicious Plenty of Glorious *Britain*. The inſupportable Tyranny of the one, and the comfortable Laws and Liberties of the other; yet that ſuch an exchange is your ſole aim and deſire, ſuch your fooliſh but flagitious Hopes, I will ſtill more fully demonſtrate from two of your own Paſſages verbatim. Page 19.

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The time when the Pretender was ſo near Landing in *Scotland*, when the Jacobites made ſuch an Alarm, and brought ſuch a Run upon the Bank of *England*, that had it held but a few Days longer the Bank muſt have ſtop'd; and had the Pretender really Landed, tho' with but that handful of Men who were with him, the publick Credit had fallen into ſuch Convulſions that had been (for ought I know) more fatal to *England* at that time than the defeat of an Army. And truly I make no doubt, that if the Count and his Agents were in a capacity to ſhock our National Funds, and Credit, and convulſe our Monied Men, which are generally the Whigs; the ſame ill-deſigning People wou'd make a ſecond, but more effectual Run upon the Bank, and time it exactly with the Invaders Landing.

And if the Pretender at ſuch a Criſis, might have done ſuch great Things with but a handful of Men, what may we not thro' the ſame Means apprehend from the Stockfiſh Lunatick, with Sixteen Thouſand Diſciplin'd Men. And the ſtupid Author or Authors in Page 53. is pleas'd to ſay, the neceſſity of a ſpeedy removing the

Taxes,

Taxes becauſe of their grievous and oppreſive Nature, is ſuch as really admits of no delay, and is much greater than that of finding out new Funds for new Occaſions, as might be demonſtrated by many Things too long to enumerate.

However, I ſhall take upon me in a very ſhort and conciſe manner, evidently to enumerate and demonſtrate what the Author and Authors, and all their Abettors deſire and propoſe to themſelves, not only by the two laſt recited Paſſages, but from the whole infamous and ſeditious Treatiſe, *viz. That the Nation ſhou'd be naked, unarmed, and unprovided with Mony, Men, and Ships, the Nations Credit ſtagger'd, the Men of* Bullion *diſtracted with preuniary Fears and Jealouſies, the* Swedes *and Trayterous Rebels to Land*; then the Darling run upon the Bank, then are the Steps form'd by the Count and his Agents, to render the Invaſion effectually ſucceſsful, to depoſe and Murder our preſent moſt Sacred Royal Family, unravel and deſtroy the whole Frame of our moſt happy Government both in Church and State; and to introduce as a divorſing Deluge, Popery, Tyranny and Arbitrary Power; to ſhackle us and our Poſterity in Slavery, which is the

very worſt way of taking off the Taxes and paying of Debts, with all the Evils, on this ſide Hell and Eternity: *Which on my Knees with the ſincereſt Heart, I moſt humbly and fervently implore the Almighty, all-ſufficient Creator, of his great Mercy and Goodneſs infinitely to avert*; And let all the People ſay. *Amen.*

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THE Count's Agent in his Libel pretends a Saint like Zeal and Regard to Men of handicraft Callings, well knowing that cou'd he but by any Whimſy or Artifice, which is one of his main Deſigns, diſguſt them, make them flock in great Bodies to the Houſe, worry the Members, fancy themſelves injured, and denied Redreſs, how eaſily they may become additional Troops in aid of the *Swedes* when Landed: This is the View they have at this Conjuncture in diſperſing the vile Performance; and I am well aſſured, that when the Author or Authors are more publickly known, he or

they will be found to be of the ſame Factious and corrupt Stamp with the late Traytors and Rebels, to the preſent Glorious Eſtabliſhment.

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